

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 36 of November 9, 2023**

ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake is working to achieve a bronze certification for New York State's Climate Smart Communities initiative; and

WHEREAS, education, outreach, and engagement are critical to preparing communities for the effects of climate change and to enlist the public in taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, public engagement initiatives are often most effective when local governments partner with regional planning organizations and/or outreach specialists who can help them reach a wide range of community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake wishes to embark on a series of events and communications to engage the residents and visitors to the Town of Copake in an appreciation of the importance of both mitigation of GHG emissions as well as the importance of building resilience to the effects of climate change, and

WHEREAS, PE9 Action: Climate Change Education & Engagement is designated by New York State as a priority action for Climate Smart Communities bronze certification; and

WHEREAS, PE9 Action: Climate Change Education & Engagement requires the establishment of a program to facilitate climate education and engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Copake shall establish a Climate Change Education and Engagement Program for the purpose of educating the public about climate change mitigation and adaptation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the program shall be headed by two individuals, one of whom shall be the Copake Conservation Advisory Committee Chair or a designee, and one of whom shall be the Supervisor of the Town of Copake or a designee; and be it further

RESOLVED that the program shall act in accordance with the requirements of PE9 Action: Climate Change Education and Engagement and keep records of all efforts to complete the aforementioned action.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by _____ and seconded by _____, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

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Dated November 9, 2023
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler

Councilperson Wolf
Councilperson Gansowski
Councilperson Judd
Councilperson Sullivan

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

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